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In re Application of: :
Cha-Mei Tang : Group Art Unit: 2876
Serial No.: 09/734,761 : Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: December 13, 2000 :
For: TWO-DIMENSIONAL, ANTI-SCATTER :
GRID AND COLLIMATOR DESIGNS, :
AND ITS MOTION, FABRICATION AND :
ASSEMBLY :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby transmits copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 (9 sheets), which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is required. Also, as indicated, all of the documents are in English and therefore, no translation is required.

I certify that the present invention as claimed. In this regard, the undersigned notes that the

first 3 patents were cited on page 3 of the background of the present application. Hence, the Examiner may feel that these references have particular relevance to the claimed invention. Additionally, it is noted that the last 27 publications cited on pages 6-9 of the PTO-1449 form are being cited herein primarily because they were cited in U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/879,258, which is the parent of related U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/459,597, referenced on page 1 of the present application. Therefore, the Examiner may find these references less relevant to the present invention, although the Examiner is encouraged to review these references and make his or her own assessment of their relevance.

The undersigned also wishes to disclose to the Examiner that the first cited non-patent document is a proposal that was submitted by the Applicant to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Small Business Innovation Research Program in March of 1997. A similar submission was also made to the National Institutes of Health at about the same time. A copy of the proposal as submitted to DOE is attached. Both of these submissions were made on a confidential basis, and were not made available to the public (note the restrictive legends at the bottom of pages 3-20 of the DOE proposal). It is therefore believed that neither submission qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or under any other section of the statute. Should the Examiner have any questions or require any additional information, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number indicated below.

Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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